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FORMER TRUMP AIDES GUILTY OF CRIMES

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Michael Cohen, former personal lawyer to President Donald Trump, leaves his apartment building in New York on Tuesday. In a deal with prosecutors, Cohen pleaded guilty and said in open court that President Trump directed him to pay two women to stay silent.

Federal jury convicts Manafort on eight of 18 counts

BY MATT ZAPOTOSKY, LYNH BUI, TOM JACKMAN AND DEVLIN BARRETT
Washington Post

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

A jury has found former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort guilty after a three-week trial on tax and bank fraud charges — a major if not complete victory for special counsel Robert Mueller as he continues to investigate the president's associates.

Paul Manafort

The jury convicted Manafort on eight of the 18 counts against him. The jury said it was deadlocked on the other 10. U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis declared a mistrial on those other charges.

Manafort was convicted on five counts of filing false tax returns, one count of not filing a required IRS form, and two bank fraud counts.

The verdict announced Tuesday comes as President Donald Trump has stepped up his criticism of Mueller's probe, publicly criticizing the investigation on a weekly basis. As the Manafort trial began, Trump called for Mueller's probe to be shut down immediately.

Manafort's guilty verdict may strengthen Mueller's hand as he continues to investigate possible conspiracy and seeks an interview with the president; an acquittal could have led to a broader effort by conservatives to shut down the special counsel's office.

The 18 charges in the Manafort trial centered on Manafort's

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Cohen pleads guilty, says Trump directed him to pay for women's silence

BY WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM, MAGGIE HABERMAN, BEN PROTESS AND JIM RUTENBERG
New York Times

NEW YORK

Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, made the extraordinary admission in court Tuesday that Trump had directed him to arrange payments to two women during the 2016 campaign to keep them from speaking publicly about affairs they said they had with Trump.

Cohen acknowledged the illegal payments while pleading guilty to breaking campaign finance laws and other charges, a litany of crimes that revealed both his shadowy involvement in Trump's circle and his own corrupt business dealings.

He told a judge in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that the payments to the women were made "in coordination with and at the direction of a candidate for federal office."

"I participated in this conduct, which on my part took place in Manhattan, for the principal purpose of influencing the election" for president in 2016, Cohen said.

The plea represented a pivotal moment in the investigation into the president, and the scene in the Manhattan courtroom was remarkable. Cohen, a longtime lawyer for Trump — and loyal confidant — described in plain-spoken language how Trump worked with him to cover up a potential sex scandal that Trump feared would endanger his rising candidacy.

Cohen also pleaded guilty to multiple counts of tax evasion and a single count of bank fraud, capping a months-long investigation by Manhattan federal prosecutors who examined his personal business dealings and his role in helping to arrange the financial deals with women connected to Trump.

COHEN FACES A MAXIMUM OF 65 YEARS IN PRISON BUT IS EXPECTED TO GET 46 TO 63 MONTHS.

The plea came shortly before another blow to the president: His former campaign manager, Paul Manafort, was convicted in his financial fraud trial in Virginia. The special counsel, Robert Mueller, had built a case that Manafort hid millions of dollars in foreign accounts to evade taxes and lied to banks to obtain $20 million in loans.

Trump's lawyers have, for

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Abbott says 'very best' teachers in Texas should make six figures

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Some Texas teachers could soon get a raise if Gov. Greg Abbott has his way.

Abbott this week suggested that the best teachers in Texas should be on their way to earning salaries around $100,000.

"We want to structure the compensation plan that would be the very best educators on the pathway to earning a six-figure salary," TV station KXAN reported Abbott as saying Monday in New Braunfels. "That will reward good educators but, in addition to it, it will attract other people into the profession who will create a legacy of good educators."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott

Abbott, who is up for re-election, made his comments during the first of two education roundtables, as millions of students across the state headed back to school. Abbott, a Republican, faces Democrat Lupe Valdez on the Nov. 6 election ballot.

It would be up to state lawmakers, who head back to work in January, to figure out to pay for the raises — without boosting taxes.

"I'm talking about strategies where the state will be providing the money, not robbing Peter to pay Paul, not putting additional burden on homeowners by increased taxes," Abbott said.

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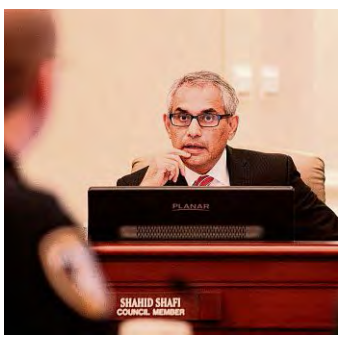

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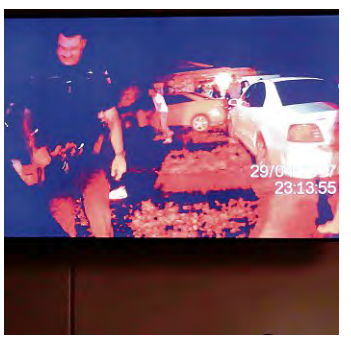

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